

## **CIMOR Pre-Encounter Batch Transaction**

The CIMOR design team is working to finalize the specification for the Pre-Encounter "batch" transaction that providers may use to register a person with the Department, admit them to an episode of care, assign them to a program, and to provide additional required information such as diagnoses and Standard Means Test data.

Originally, we had assumed we could use the HIPAA Enrollment transaction (834), but we quickly determined that most of the information we need is not in that transaction. Furthermore, we are not doing a true enrollment in the HIPAA sense of enrolling in a health plan.

We considered using the 834 plus a "companion transaction" but our analysis leads us to believe that this would be more difficult to manage for both CIMOR and the providers. (Both transactions would be required for CIMOR, so timing, matching, and correcting when errors occur would be harder for providers using the electronic interface).

We finally determined that a single Pre-encounter transactions including all the additional required data, and some optional fields, will be the most efficient approach. We are defining this transaction as an "XML schema" that can be expanded. This transaction will initially accomplish the required functions listed above. By using this technology (XML schema) we will more easily be able to expand the schema to accommodate electronic submittal of other information that may be desirable in the future.

We still have not completed the detail design of this schema. We expect to publish this, and notify you by February 20, 2005.